

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota is blessed with a multitude of families—an essential part of the cultural, social, and spiritual fabric that is South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities; and,

*Whereas*, Everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and, of course, families themselves; and,

*Whereas*, During Thanksgiving week, we all should take time to honor the importance of families and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round; and,

*Whereas*, Everyone should recommit to enhancing and extending all the connections that strengthen and enrich families; and,

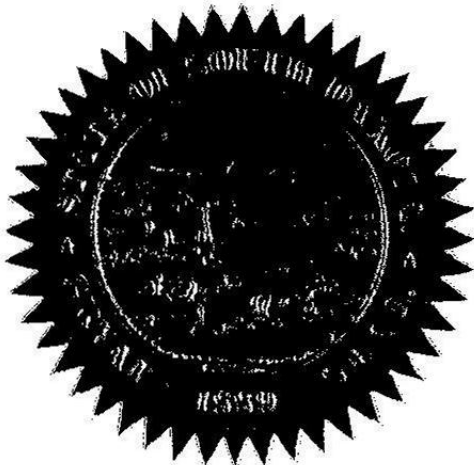
*Whereas*, With the assistance of Family and Consumer Sciences programs across the state and the resources of agencies and organizations such as the South Dakota Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Alliance for Children and Families, we can help families create a better future for all South Dakota:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21-27, 2004, as

#### *FAMILY WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I commit this observance to all the people in this state.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State